

# Lindsay Switches Parties; May Be Candidate

## TEMPERATURES

	San Rafael at noon today	70
	Yesterday	70
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## DENIES IMPROPRIETY

# Tamaras: Illegal Vendor?

### I-J Special Report

SAN FRANCISCO — The private firm of a director of the Bay Area Air Pollution Control District has sold supplies for use by the district in apparent violation of state conflict of interest laws, the Independent Journal learned yesterday.

The director, San Francisco Supervisor Peter A. Tamaras, also a director of the Golden Gate Bridge District, denied any impropriety.

The California Government Code, Section 1090, prohibits public officials from directly or indirectly being "vendors at any purchase made by them in their official capacity."

Former Marin County Supervisor William L. Deysher was sentenced to San Quentin Prison in 1934 for profiting from county contracts with a road builder supplied by Deysher's materials firm. The California Supreme Court, ruling after three trials and the supervisor's unsuccessful try for reelection, said that there was a conflict of interest "however devious and winding the chain may be which connects the officer with the forbidden contract."

The district's attorney, Matthew S. Walker, told the Independent Journal — which telephoned him for comment — that the matter may have to go to the San Francisco district attorney's office. Walker said he will advise the district's controller not to pay Tamaras his \$50 per meeting "until we get the thing straightened out."

Walker said "some further investigation would be in order to see whether talking with the district attorney is warranted. If somebody files an affidavit, we would have no discretion in the matter, and would have to take it to the district attorney."

Violation can be a felony, with imprisonment from one to five years and permanent disqualification "from holding any office in this state."

According to an invoice from the Tamaras Supply Co., which sells janitorial, paper and hotel supplies, a shipment was made last Wednesday to the district via the Gar-Dan Janitorial Service of South San Francisco. A copy of the invoice, number 83583, for two cases of toilet tissue, has been obtained by the Independent Journal.

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TO: **Gar-Dan** (Handwritten)  
FROM: **TAMARAS SUPPLY CO.**  
DATE: **8/10/71** (Handwritten)  
QUANTITY: **2** (Handwritten)  
DESCRIPTION: **TOILET TISSUE** (Handwritten)  
UNIT PRICE: **\$25.00** (Handwritten)  
TOTAL: **\$50.00** (Handwritten)

**TAMARAS INVOICE** — A carbon invoice of the company owned by San Francisco Supervisor Peter A. Tamaras traces the route of supplies to the Bay Area

Gar-Dan has a \$900-a-month contract for janitorial service in the district's offices at 939 Ellis Street. Its owner, G.T. Cruise, said he did not know Tamaras, a partner in the family supply company.

Cruise said the only other purchase he had made from Tamaras was of some hand towels last month. The two orders came to about \$120, he said.

A check with the Golden Gate Bridge District found no record of any business with Gar-Dan, but the district has bought supplies sporadically

and in small amounts from Tamaras Supply Co. for many years, officials said.

These purchases by the bridge district, however, would be exempt from conflict of interest provisions of the law, which do not apply when an official's company supplied a public agency for more than five years before he was appointed to the agency.

Tamaras became a director of the air pollution district in February 1966, four months before Gar-Dan got its contract with the district. The San Mateo County Clerk's office has no record of the firm, though

State law requires that it register in the county.

The janitorial firm is not listed in the classified section of the telephone book. Neither is Cruise listed in the white pages of the telephone book.

Kevin Maloney, acting chief administrative officer of the district, said that it "never bought a thing" from Tamaras Supply Co.

Tamaras, saying he never had heard of Gar-Dan or Cruise, told the I-J that a story about the sales was unwarranted. "All for a lousy two cases of toilet paper — it's almost ridiculous," he said.

## Row Over Sewers Brewing

A court battle is brewing in West Marin over two petitions designed to block construction of a proposed \$8.1 million sewage treatment system for the communities of Stinson Beach and Bolinas.

On one side are two groups of Stinson Beach and Bolinas residents who have circulated petitions in an effort to allow voters in the area to decide whether the Bolinas Community Public Utility and Stinson Beach County water districts should be allowed to proceed with the joint project.

On the other side is Deputy County Counsel George J. Silvestri, who also serves as counsel for both the utility and water districts and has said the petitions, one calling for an initiative and the other for a referendum, are not valid because of several legal technicalities.

Attorneys for the two groups which hope to stop the project, set to go to bid in the next few weeks, have promised to test the validity of the petitions in the courts.

### INITIATIVE FILED

Last week one protest group, Stinson Beach Project, filed an initiative petition, signed by 74 residents, with the water district. A similar protest group in Bolinas, the Bolinas Future Studies Center, filed a petition, with 275 signatures, calling for a referendum in the utility district.

The initiative asks the water district to pass an ordinance rescinding previous resolutions to go ahead with the sewage project or put the matter on the ballot. The referendum asks the utility district to rescind a July 2 action authorizing the utility board president to enter an agreement to proceed with construction of the sewer facilities or put the question to voters.

Yesterday Silvestri said that, after studying both petitions for a week, he had concluded that neither was valid, although both appeared to contain the required number of signatures to initiate a referendum or initiative election.

### 'NOT INITIATIVE'

The county counsel explained his decision by saying the attempted initiative petition is "not in fact an initiative. A true initiative must call for an ordinance which creates a legislative action," he said. "An ordinance cannot be designed to rescind resolutions."

As for the referendum, Silvestri said the state public utilities code provides a referendum may be held in a public utility district only to rescind an ordinance. "The Bolinas petition attempts to rescind a resolution passed by the district board," he added.

The two resident groups opposed. See SEWERS, page 4

## Welfare Bill To Senate

SACRAMENTO (UPI) — The Assembly, after soul-searching, emotional debate, passed a landmark welfare reform bill today that Gov. Ronald Reagan called "the most comprehensive" in the nation's history.

"Politicians in and out of office won't have welfare to kick around anymore," said the bill's floor sponsor, Assemblyman William T. Bagley, R-San Rafael.

The compromise measure, backed by Reagan and legislative leaders alike, went to the Senate on a 60-9 vote.

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# Novato Housing Hit: Wide Reform Asked

## Report: Many Excluded By Soaring Home Costs

By FRANK FARRARA

The rising cost of housing in Novato is excluding many people and "it is becoming more difficult for even middle income families to find housing."

With this introduction, the Novato Housing Committee, in a report submitted last night to the city council, recommended sweeping reforms in housing policy to create a "variety of housing prices and types" within the city. (Another Novato to City Council story, page 12.)

The Novato Housing Committee was formed by the city council in December last year as an ad hoc committee to study housing in the city. Its 14 members work directly under Planning Director Brian W. Mattson.

"Policemen, firemen, teachers, medical employees, office workers, people in the service trades, the elderly and young marrieds and singles are finding it increasingly difficult to afford housing here," the committee reported to the council.

"If we are to have a viable, socially broad community and provide suitable housing for those in all stages of the life cycle, we must alter these exclusionary trends and some of the ways in which we have looked at housing styles and land use."

Among the obstacles the committee said, is the small vacancy rate, 1.8 per cent, and the increasing values of homes.

"A house purchased new for \$24,000 in 1965 is worth \$35,000 this year," the committee reported. "As of the 1970 census, the median value home in Novato is \$30,250."

"Minority groups have been excluded from Novato because they have been unable to find housing which most can afford," and "there is a lack of housing alternatives for elderly who may find present homes too large or too expensive for current financial ability."

Committee members also

said the opening of Indian Valley Colleges, north campus of the Marin Community College District, will create a need for student housing.

The committee cited the problems of "community attitudes" including fears that low and moderate income housing would bring "undesirables" to Novato, would add to the tax burden, change the character of the community and decrease property values.

There is "a lack of understanding for low and moderate income housing needs," and "a poor image of public housing and a lack of knowledge and understanding of Marin County Housing Authority programs," the committee reported.

Members also stressed the problems of a tight money market, interest rates and property taxes and increased construction costs.

"Since the property tax takes a higher proportion of income as income decreases it is particularly oppressive on low income families or elderly on fixed incomes."

The committee recommended the city council order preparation of a Novato housing "plan and program" as part of the city's general plan.

It also proposed that it be city policy to:

Include low and moderate income housing in new residential development where feasible. Seek to create a housing bal-

ance within existing neighborhoods.

Seek to maintain, and where necessary improve existing residential housing units.

Increase the quantity of housing in the downtown area. Encourage some family units in all new apartment developments.

Facilitate projects for low and moderate income families undertaken by nonprofit sponsors.

Encourage the Marin County Housing Authority to construct more public housing comparable to the senior citizen development in scale and quality, and to expand the leased housing program.

Assure that sufficient student housing will be provided to meet the need created as Indian Valley Colleges develop.

Encourage architectural and planning excellence in all housing development.

Require that future development preserve and enhance Novato's unique natural features.

Establish special criteria for development of areas with potential natural hazards.

Require development planning to provide for social amenities.

Support a program of community education about housing.

Seek support for state and federal legislation which would enable the city to implement the housing policy.

The committee's report submitted after seven months of study also listed five goals as follows:

"To encourage cultural and income diversity in Novato through a variety of housing prices and types.

"To provide the opportunity for housing choice to those who wish to live in Novato.

"To expand the supply of low and moderate income housing.

"To preserve and maintain the existing stock of housing in Novato.

"To integrate housing development with the entire process of comprehensive planning and community improvements."

## 19 Dead In Latest Irish Riots

BELFAST (UPI) — Battles between British troops, rooftop snipers and street mobs broke out in half a dozen Roman Catholic areas of Belfast today, piling new miseries on a city ravaged by three days of guerrilla-type warfare. Britain called in 600 more troops to aid the 12,000 already trying to restore order.

The confirmed death toll in the fighting stood at 19, and British authorities said they believed their troops killed two more of the snipers who opened fire on British forces trying to clear street barricades of household furniture, burned out cars and buses and even bathtubs.

Scores of other persons were wounded — the exact number was not known — and officials in the Irish Republic to the south said more than 2,000 persons had fled to army camps there to escape the bloodshed in Belfast.

In London there were reports Prime Minister Edward Heath would cut short a yachting vacation and return to his desk. Irish Foreign Minister Patrick Hillery conferred during the day with British Home Secretary Reginald Maudling on the growing crisis in British-Irish relations.

British troops battled rooftop snipers in some of the Catholic areas of Belfast. In others they fought both snipers and mobs hurling rocks, bottles and insults at the troops. British authorities also reported fighting between rival factions of the outlawed Irish Republican

# Council Says Grape Festival, Faire Both Can Have Weekend

Sunnyhills Guild went to the mat last night to fight for a monopoly on the first weekend in October, when it traditionally holds its fund-raising Grape Festival, but was thrown on a legal technicality and lost the decision to the Renaissance Pleasure Faire.

Novato City Council granted the Renaissance Faire a carnival license for the five weekends it requested, four in September and the first in October.

After a one-hour hearing and a legal tangle that required calling City Atty. Clark M. Palmer Jr. from his home, the council voted 3-1 for the license with Councilman David Price Jones dissenting. Mayor Joseph D. Gargiulo was absent.

The hearing before a standing room audience of about 50 persons got off to a confusing start when it was learned that the planning commission's ruling for five weekends, excluding the first weekend in October, was invalid.

The Sunnyhills Guild, which traditionally holds its annual Grape Festival or that weekend, opposed permitting the Renaissance Pleasure Faire then, believing it would be detrimental to its festival.

During the hearing, it was learned that the Mill Valley Fall Arts Festival also will be held Oct. 2 and 3.

Phyllis A. Patterson, coproducer of the Renaissance Faire, asserted that the fair would "be

more help to the Grape Festival than harm."

Kay Crawford, president of Associated Sunnyhills Guilds, said the proceeds of the festival have gone down in the past two years and the competition from the fair would be detrimental.

## Target Date Is Set On New Jobs

SACRAMENTO (UPI) — A target date of Sept. 1 has been set by California officials to begin job placements for 25,000 unemployed persons under the new \$1 billion federal Public Service Employment Act.

Hal Steward, assistant director of the state Department of Human Resources Development, said Tuesday California will get the largest share of any state — \$100.4 million — for the first year of the two-year program signed into law by President Nixon Monday.

"The jobs will run the whole gamut from janitors to top professionals, up to the federal limit of a \$12,000-a-year salary," said Steward.

"We've set a target date of Sept. 1 to put the first ones on the payroll wherever the jobs are," he added.

"Experience Unlimited," a self-help group of unemployed Californians mainly in the aerospace industry, has been recruited by the state to draw up job-creation projects in the areas of transportation, health care, education and environmental equality.

Councilmen pondered the traffic congestion that would result from having three major events on the same weekend, Renaissance Faire, south of Highway 37 and west of Black Point, the Grape Festival in San Rafael, and the Mill Valley Arts Festival.

Councilmen also commented on the social benefits of the Sunnyhills operation serving emotionally disturbed juveniles.

Palmer said on "the evidence I heard tonight," the validity of denying Renaissance Faire the first weekend in October would be doubtful from a legal standpoint.

Jones said he would give a higher priority to an organization that helped disturbed juveniles than one operating for pleasure.

Councilmen granted the October weekend on the condition that the Renaissance Faire offer Sunnyhills a free booth. It also required that when the fair puts up its "full house" signs, the signs carry a recommendation that people attend the Grape Festival.

## 97 Dead In Worst Soviet Air Disaster

MOSCOW (UPI) — A Soviet airliner crashed on takeoff from the Siberian airport of Irkutsk, killing all 97 persons aboard in the worst-known Soviet commercial airliner disaster, travel officials said today.

The twin-engine TU 104 turbo-prop of Aeroflot, the Soviet national airline, was on a flight from Odesa to Vladivostok. It landed at Irkutsk for a scheduled stop.

# Lindsay Changes Political Parties

NEW YORK (UPI) — Mayor John V. Lindsay quit the Republican party today and announced he has registered as a Democrat. The move paved the way for a possible bid by Lindsay for the 1972 Democratic presidential nomination.

However, the handsome, 49-year-old Lindsay stopped short of announcing his candidacy.

Lindsay said the country needed new "national leadership" and that he would work for a coalition of progressive Republicans, independents and Democrats.

"Whether this means I will run for president, I don't know," Lindsay said in a written statement prior to a scheduled news conference.

At the news conference Lindsay said, "I am not a candidate for any office." As to the reports he would seek the 1972 Democratic presidential nomination, he said "I don't know the answer to that at this time," Lindsay said he would not resign as mayor. His term expires in 1973.

Lindsay accused the Nixon administration of "indifference" to the problems of poverty, unemployment, crime, housing and urban decay. These problems, he said, "require national action, not the indifference shown by Washington."

The Mayor, an early Vietnam War critic, said he supported Nixon in 1968 "mainly because



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